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There is ample basis for socializing the water and electricity tariffs according to the Prime Minister



ORANJESTAD -- During the recent National Social Dialogue all representatives of the government, commerce, and unions were convinced that there is the need for socializing the water and electricity tariffs. There is ample ground among the social

partners to socialize the structure of our utilities, says Prime Minister Eman.

During the Social Dialogue, WEB and ELMAR offered an explanation of a possible new structure for water and electricity tariffs.

Currently the tariff struc-

ture is based on the fact that the tariff for every kilowatt hour diminishes when a consumer uses more electricity. A socialized system will entail that the consumer will pay less when he uses less electricity. Those who use more, pay a relatively higher price.

Prime Minister Mike Eman believes that we can restructure the tariffs in such a manner that 70% of our community could benefit. The intention now is to socialize the tariffs and at the same time make consumers aware of the importance of the conscientious use of water and electricity. The representatives of commerce are also in favor of a socialized tariff.

What will a socialized structure entail exactly? This is a matter that must be discussed and accorded in a subsequent National Social Dialogue. WEB has been requested to present as soon as possible, some examples to be discussed so they can arrive at a decision on how the tariffs ought to be socialized.

The social partners will get together to discuss the matter with a focus on the consumers who most need a socialized tariff. In the past, if you tried to economize on the use of water and electricity you ended up still paying a lot. In the new proposed system you stand to benefit greatly, both in commerce as well as in the household.

Despite the fact that many of the representatives in the National Social Dialogue have vacation on their minds, every attempt will be made to have a decision on this important matter by next week to establish an agreement on a social structure of the water and electricity tariffs on Aruba.

Greenpeace ship Rainbow Warrior III debuts



The new "Rainbow Warrior III" sailing ship is pulled out of the dock at the Fassmer shipyard in Berne-Motzen near Bremen, northern Germany.

(AFP PHOTO)

raided and bombed" in numerous campaigns against nuclear testing, over-fishing and illegal logging, Greenpeace says.

The 58-metre-long (190-foot-long) Rainbow Warrior III is the first to be built from scratch to its own specifications.

The boat is powered by sails on its 50-metre masts, by an electric motor allowing it to reach a top speed of 10 knots (18 km/h) and a diesel engine giving it 15 knots (28 km/h).

Capable of housing a crew of up to 33 for four weeks without outside supplies, it also has a helipad in the stern and its masts will be decked out with 48 antennae and other pieces of electronic gadgetry.

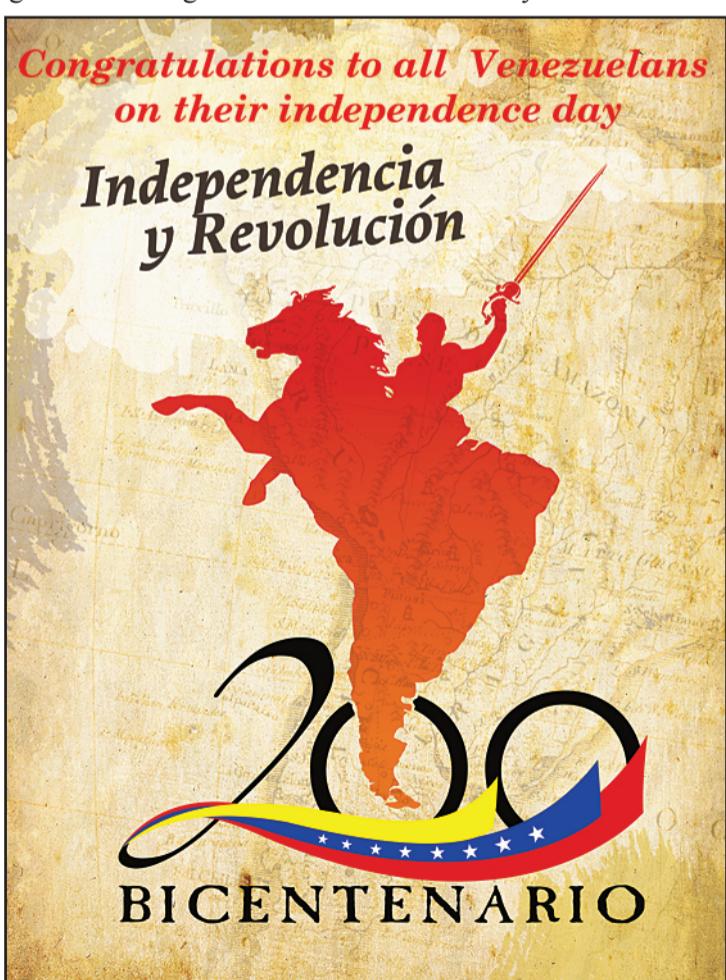
The original Rainbow Warrior, a converted fishing trawler, was sunk by French agents in New Zealand in 1985 while attempting to stop nuclear testing in the Pacific.

The second is more than 50 years old and is being retired after having been "rammed,"

Only in America: Champ devours 62 hot dogs



Joey Chestnut (C) competes in the 2011 Nathan's Famous Fourth of July International Hot Dog Eating Contest at the original Nathan's Famous in Coney Island in the Brooklyn borough of New York City. Chestnut also known as 'Jaws' won this year's competition by eating 62 hot dogs



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TUESDAY AND FRIDAY: LIVE MUSIC

Chavez returns to Venezuela after cancer op

CARACAS, Venezuela (AFP) - A lively-looking President Hugo Chavez returned home

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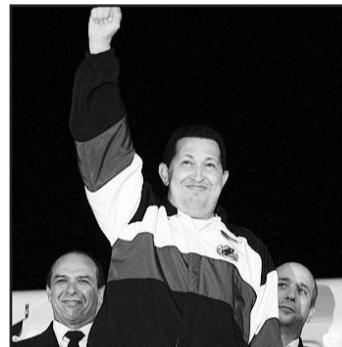
Monday on the eve of Venezuela's bicentennial celebrations, ending a near month-long hiatus after undergoing cancer surgery in Cuba.

On exiting the plane from Havana in Caracas, the firebrand anti-American leader raised his arm in a victory salute before being greeted by Vice President Elias Jaua, his brother Adan Chavez and several cabinet ministers.

Chavez revealed in a video from Cuba on Thursday that doctors had removed a cancerous growth, ending weeks of mounting speculation about the reason for his extended stay in Cuba -- he began his official visit to Havana on June 8.

The bombshell from the champion of the left, who has been elected president three times since 1998 and is an omnipresent feature in Venezuelan political life, raised fears of insecurity in South America's main oil producer.

But the Venezuelan military, which briefly overthrew Chavez in an aborted coup in April 2002, quickly pledged its full allegiance and the



leader's hasty return following the cancer announcement has calmed the political waters.

Back in Venezuela, the president appeared lively and chatty -- fitter than in last week's video from Cuba -- even singing a few lines from a popular Venezuelan song.

Chavez was rushed to hospital on June 10 for what was initially described as a pelvic abscess. He revealed on Thursday that doctors had then discovered a cancerous tumor, which was fully removed in a second operation.

Caracas has given no details on what sort of follow-up treatment the 56-year-old might need, nor has it disclosed his cancer type.

Israel readies for pro-Palestinian airport protest

JERUSALEM, Israel (AFP) - Israel was making intense preparations yesterday to foil plans by hundreds of activists to flood Israel's Ben Gurion international airport on Friday in a show of solidarity with the Palestinians.

Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu has ordered Public Security Minister Yitzhak Aharonovitch to coordinate all law enforcement and aviation authorities, said a statement from Netanyahu's office.

Israeli media reported that flights landing on Friday from Europe would be taken to a separate terminal and all passengers carefully screened.

"This planned provocation will be dealt with in accordance with Israeli law and international law and conventions," the statement from the premier's office said, without giving further details.

Pro-Palestinian activists have said they plan to arrive in their hundreds at Ben Gurion airport outside Tel Aviv on

July 8 to protest against Israel's blockade of the Gaza Strip.

"We have responded to a call from Palestinian associations and about 500 hundred of us, women, men and children, will leave on July 8 to show them the world hasn't forgotten them," organisers said on the website www.bienvenuepalestine.com.

The group is said to include about 300 French and others from Belgium, Germany, Italy and the United States.

The move comes as a flotilla of international activists that had planned to try and breach the blockade failed to get permission to set sail from Greece, apparently as a result of Israeli diplomatic pressure.

"This planned event is a continuation of the attempts to undermine Israel's right to exist and to attempt to breach its borders and sovereignty by sea, land and by air," the statement from Netanyahu's office said.

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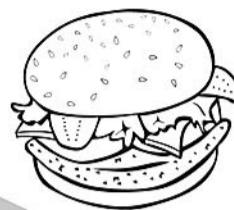
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Students going to Holland — Listen up!

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On the 30th of July many of our young people between ages 17 and 18 will be boarding the big jet to commence a new chapter in their lives far away from home.

It is very important that each student be well prepared before leaving to begin a new life of studying abroad. Here are a few things each student can do before leaving for Holland:

Visit www.rijksoverheid.nl. Click on the "onderwijs en wetenschap" link to learn about the Dutch educational system. This is an excellent general introduction. You may also want to check out www.ib-groep.nl which will lead you to the website of duo-ib groep. Here you will find every type of information regarding educational programs in Holland as well as information about study loans in Holland.

A student, who is younger than 18 years of age, will need a parental guardian in Holland. An underage student will not be able to open a bank account, nor obtain a rent agreement, which are two very important matters for studying in Holland. Parents will have to



arrange for a guardian before the student leaves Aruba. This must be done officially through a public notary.

If a student already has an Aruban driver's license, he will have to apply for a Dutch license in Holland (he will have to exchange his Aruban license for a Holland license).

He will be able to drive with his Aruba license for a very limited time only. There are certain procedures to follow for the application of the new Holland license. For one, you will have to prove that you lived at least 185 days on Aruba (where you obtained your license) through a "verklaring van inschrijving" from the Census Bureau. To exchange his license, the student will need to request a "verklaring van geschiktheid" which must be requested by the student in the city where he is registered. He will be required to fill in the form and send a copy of his Aruba driver's license and pay 62 Euros.

What will be WEB's losses in the next 6 months?



BALASHI -- In last Friday's National Social Dialogue representatives of various sectors in our community discussed the proposal of socializing the water and electricity tariffs. According to them this discussion has nothing to do with the recent threat of increasing these tariffs. You would recall that the government intervened and prohibited any such increase for the time being. The Prime Minister is of the opinion that before any type of increase there must be open discussions between the government, Parliament, WEB and Elmar to ascertain what percentage we are talking

about when referring to company losses... what will be the exact amount of loss. The government is of the opinion that the potential losses for the upcoming 6 months can be absorbed by the government, by WEB or by a combination - the government and WEB. Or we may discover that neither parties can absorb the loss, hence we would have to pass it on to the consumer in an eventual tariff increase.

The government has in the mean time requested that WEB give them some time, and if there arise any problem with the bank, the government will address that matter. What the

government is trying to avoid is any increase simply because the company is in dire straits.

The Prime Minister remarked that it is not customary for the government to get involved in the affairs of the company. However, in light of the fact that the price of fuel oil is dropping and the increase of 15 to 16% would be devastating, in addition to all the other increases the community faces; the government felt it imperative to intervene in the interest of the island and its people. The government is convinced that before any increase they must first conduct an in-depth research.

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La Cabana Beach & Racquet Club reveals new lobby ready for guest check ins



This week on July 24th, Mr. & Mrs. Puppo and their daughter were surprised with a warm welcome from staff and members of management as they entered the much-awaited new lobby, just reopened, tastefully transformed into a five-star facility.

Among those presents at the reopening General Manager, Joe Najjar, Assistant

General Manager, Jessica Franken, President of the Board, Willie Mosconi and his distinguished wife, Fran, and other members of the management team of La Cabana Beach & Racquet Club. Mrs. Puppo was presented a nice flower arrangement by Aichel Lynch, Assistant Front Office Manager, for being the first owners to check-in, in the new

lobby.

The renovated space is graced by a beautiful blue tiled-in elevator allowing owners and guests easy access to the 2nd floor sales reception center, members lounge and executive offices. The marble stairs are all glassed-in elegantly, and the center of attention is the fire and water sculpture, custom made for La Cabana Beach & Racquet Club lobby. During peak hours, the fire shoots every half-hour in between relaxing sounds of waterfalls, lending the space a unique state of the art look and feel.

The original, tropical, glass-in-lead mural above the lobby doors is now magnificently framed and showing spectacularly despite its age, it was inaugurated 21 years ago, when the resort first opened and remains a trade mark asset of the lobby.

The new functional, spacious and contemporary lobby is warmly lit, and beautifully appointed. Here to share the moments of joy at the rededication of the public space, Adwina Arends, the resort's first Sales and Marketing Director and one of the pillars of tourism on the Island, a pioneer with the early success of La Cabana.

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Repair works on the road between DA Drug Store and Super Food



ORANJESTAD – The Department of Information – BUVO announces that as of yesterday, DOW (Department of Public Works) began with repairs on the service road between DA and the University of Aruba Annex for Cultural Research and Development, adjacent to Super Food.

The road will stay partially open to enable access to the

various businesses and offices along the road.

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**Tanja
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COLOMBIA -- Tanja Nijmeijer, the Dutch woman who is a member of the FARC movement in Colombia, has been promoted within the rebel group, says Colombian radio station Caracol.

Recent deserters from the FARC have told Dutch citizen Liduine Zumpolle that Ms Nijmeijer is administering a large area of land for the rebels. Ms Zumpolle works with imprisoned former members of the FARC.

Ms Nijmeijer's former FARC commander, Victor Julio Suárez Rojas, alias Mono Jojoy, is said to have been previously in charge of the land. He was killed in a raid by government forces in September 2010.

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Advice Committee on Pharmaceutical List presents first ever annual report



Last year a new decree was passed to regulate the functioning and work of the advice committee regarding the pharmaceutical list (list of medications). This committee bears the name: Adviescommissie (advice committee) Genoegesmiddelenlijst Aruba (pharmaceutical list) or AGA. The new decree mandates that this

organization must present an annual report, among others, to justify the existence of this committee.

The composition of AGA was changed and emphasizes that it is not a commission of AZV, but a ministerial commission which offers independent advice. The new decree also mandates that the

quality of medicines must be carefully scrutinized, as well as the relationship between price and quality of all medicines. This is to make certain that each medicine can be accepted to be included on the approved list of medicines for Aruba.

During 2010 the AGA commission advised that certain medicines should be deleted from the so called positive list of accepted medications. That advice sparked quite some discussion and as a result importers agreed to offer a 10% discount on those medications.

The commission began investigating which medications may be considered "personal care products" which should be paid for by the patient requesting them. This advice is forthcoming.

Photo shows moment the first ever AGA report was submitted to the minister of Public Health.



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Argentina considers OPEC-like deal for lithium

BUENOS AIRES (AFP) - Argentina is promoting the idea of an OPEC-like cartel for itself, Bolivia and Chile, which together control 85 percent of the world's reserves of lithium, a key component in electric car batteries.

"In the near future and with our production at such a high level, Bolivia, Argentina and Chile will control the lithium market," said Rodolfo Tecchi, the director of the technology and science promotion division of the Argentine Ministry of Science and Technology.

"They could do it with a sort of OPEC-like arrangement," he added.

The three countries, which Forbes magazine calls the "Saudi Arabia of lithium," would establish "control mechanisms for the sale of lithium carbonate, avoiding the lower prices that come with overproduction," he added, an idea at the heart of OPEC's operations.

Not everyone in the industry



agrees, including the head of the Argentina chamber of mining industries in the province of Salta, Facundo Huidobro.

"The idea is a bit premature," said Huidobro. "We have to make sure that investments have been made."

Salta, along with the northern provinces of Jujuy and Catamarca, contain Argentina's largest lithium deposits.

Argentina has about 10 percent of the world's reserves, after Chile, with 25 percent in Atacama, in the north of the country, and Bolivia, which holds about half the world's supply in Uyuni, the world's largest salt flat.

Sales of lithium by Chile, on the other hand, represent 44 percent of worldwide revenue, followed by Australia, with 25 percent, China with 13 percent and Argentina with 11 percent.

A ton of lithium, worth \$2,500 in 2004, now sells for around \$6,000.

While lithium is also used for cellphone and computer batteries, experts expect its greatest use will be in electric cars.

Last year Bolivia announced a \$900 million (628 million euro) investment for lithium in three phases: production of lithium carbonate, then metallic lithium and finally, after 2014, lithium batteries.

In Argentina, Sales Jujuy, which belongs to the Australian company Orocobre and is associated with automaker Toyota, just received the go-ahead to mine lithium and potassium.

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Taiwan in stealth technology breakthrough: report



TAIPEI (AFP) - Taiwan has developed a radar-absorbent material in a breakthrough in the island's development of stealth technology, local media reported Monday.

Tests showed that a navy 50-tonne Seagull-class missile boat painted with the material was not spotted on a radar screen until it could be seen with the naked eye, the United Daily News said. It is the first time Taiwan has developed such material.

The navy declined to com-

ment on the report.

It was not immediately clear if the material would be used in the navy's fleet of 10 locally manufactured 171-tonne missile boats, whose design is already intended to reduce radar detection.

The ships, which are armed with four Taiwan-made Hsiungfeng II (Brave Wind) ship-to-ship missiles, are intended to replace the aging Seagull-class missile boats, the navy said.

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Overweight men have poorer sperm count



STOCKHOLM, Sweden (AFP)-Overweight or obese men, like their female counterparts, have a lower chance of becoming a parent, according to a comparison of sperm quality presented at a European fertility meeting Monday.

In what they described as the largest study of its kind, doctors looked at sperm samples from 1,940 men and matched them to the donor's weight.

The benchmark was the body mass index (BMI), a measure of body fat among adults. Under this, normal weight is defined as a BMI of 18.5-25; overweight as 25-30 and obesity as 30 or more.

The higher the count in ex-

cess weight, the more the sperm quality suffered, especially among those in the obese category, according to the findings, presented at the annual conference of the European Society of Human Reproduction and Embryology (ESHRE) in Stockholm.

"Excess weight causes a modification in sperm characteristics, probably as a result of hormonal disturbance, which results in lower sperm numbers, motility and vitality," said Paul Cohen-Bacrie, scientific director at Eylau-Unilabs in Paris, part of a Swiss-based network of labs in 12 European countries.

The research found that the sperm count was lower by 10 percent among overweight men, and by 20 percent among obese men, compared with counterparts of normal weight.

The percentage of men who had a zero sperm count rose almost fourfold, from one percent in the normal weight category, to 3.8 percent, in the obese category.

Swedish model slashes multiple-birth risk in IVF pregnancies



A doctor works on embryos at the Eugin clinic in Barcelona, a centre that specialises in assisted reproduction in 2008.

STOCKHOLM, Sweden (AFP)-Swedish doctors on Monday presented a new method they said dramatically reduces the risk of multiple births from in-vitro fertilisation (IVF) without affecting chances of having a baby.

The technique will help doctors determine the chances of giving birth to a healthy baby through IVF, they said.

At present, fertility clinics tend to transfer several em-

bryos to the uterus to boost the chance of a live birth, but this often leads to multiple pregnancies that carry a higher risk of complications for the mother as well as a lower birth weight and developmental difficulties for the child.

With this model, "when it is time for transferring embryos, if we see that the twin risk is too high, we only transfer one embryo and we freeze the others," he explained.

Over four years (2004-2007), his clinic transferred 3,410 embryos. The model helped slash the rate of twins in IVF pregnancies from about 26 percent in a preceding four-year period, to 1.9 percent.

At the same time, the rate of live births per fresh embryo IVF transfer fell slightly from 29.1 to 24.6 percent, while for an embryo that had been frozen, stored and thawed, it stayed almost the same at 31.1 percent.

The model factors in the woman's age, the number of



One of baby twin girls born to a sixty-year-old Chinese woman who received in vitro fertilisation in 2010.

eggs and the ovarian responsiveness, information about whether the woman had had previous IVF attempts and the quality of the embryos. The model is easy to use because all clinics have the basic data and can score embryos using the same method fairly easily, he said, adding there was even a possibility to test the model with the help of web-based software.

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AIDS ribbon inaugurated in commemoration of 25 years of AIDS awareness on Aruba



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At three meters high, it is clearly visible by motorists coming from the L.G. Smith Boulevard traveling into Oranjestad.

Under the ribbon one can read the phrase "STOP AIDS, KEEP THE PROMISE, 25 years AIDS awareness in Aruba, June 4 1986- June 4, 2011." The design and printing of the sign is a donation by Art & Design.

During the inauguration,

WCA President Mrs. Rubia Maduro, expressed her wish to place a red ribbon at a public spot as an awareness conscious symbol. Past President and project leader Mrs. Mily Henriquez explained how the idea to place the ribbon at the Valero Boulevard began, and thanked the Aruba Department of Public Works - D.O.W, M&F holding and Mr. Jan van Duren for their cooperation.

Chairwoman of the AIDS Awareness committee, Mrs. Milagros Ponson, narrated on the history of the committee under the valuable guidance of Mrs. Marie Therese Croes, the driving force behind the committee's 25 years of activism.

She was once honored as the "Mother of AIDS of Aruba" by UNAIDS Secretaire Generale, Dr. Peter Piot.

Mrs. Croes received a plaque from the WCA and thanked all the people and organizations who formed part of the project and for their cooperation over the past 25 years.

Jan van Duren, Edgar Croes and Lorenzo Arends of Valero Boulevard received certificates of appreciation for their valuable cooperation.

The "AIDS Awareness Road sign" can be readily admired as a reminder of the necessity of community involvement, at the Valero Boulevard any day at any time.

Win a Kindle with SETAR and CNN International environment contest



Aruba's telecommunication company, SETAR N.V., has joined with international news network on local channel 56, CNN International, to launch a campaign with the slogan "Going green knows no borders."

The competition is from July 1 to July 30, 2011 and all subscribers can participate to win a Kindle e-reader. 3 Kindles will be awarded at the close of the contest. To participate; just go on SETAR's website www.setar.aw, answer the three trivia questions based on environmental topics and you are eligible to win.

CNN is presently broadcasting the documentary "Extreme Science," CNN correspondent Philippe Cousteau Jr. together with a group of scientists study global warming in Antarctica's extremely harsh

climate conditions. Philippe Cousteau Jr. is the son of Philippe Cousteau, born some months after the death of his father, and the grandson of Jacques-Yves Cousteau. As a member of this prominent family known for the promulgation of environmental awareness and conservation, Philippe is continuing the work of his father and grandfather by educating the public about these issues.

Soon CNN will broadcast "Going Green: Green Pioneers," a documentary recounting how people face and tackle the challenges in very harsh environmental conditions through continuously innovative initiatives.

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Museo Arqueologico Nacional Aruba unveils its Summer Vacation Program



Aruba's Archaeological Museum unveiled its Summer Vacation Program recently presenting the public with a diverse array of youth-oriented activities.

Parents are hereby encouraged to enroll their children in order to broaden their horizons in the Summer and put the time spent on vacation to good use, into physical activity and cultural enrichment.

The modern, state of the art museum, in the heart of Oranjestad, houses the island's relics of the past and also serves as a vibrant community center and a hub of culture, art and education.

Inspired by US First Lady Michelle Obama, the Let's Move, Museums & Gardens activity was conceived for the summer of 2011 and sched-

uled to debut on July 8th.

In partnership with the Historical Museum, Arikok National Park, UNOCA, MetaCorp and the Department of Culture, Aruba's Archaeological Museum will present a fun day on July 8th, brimming with physical activities, designed to get the students moving and active during their vacation.

The Project Coordinator for Move Your Body, a US educated Exercise Science graduate, Shardea Croes, elaborated on the Summer Vacation activity targeting three different age-groups, in three activity cycles, sharing just one theme, namely Movement within Landscape.

The first cycle for students ages 14 to 17, will be taking place July 11 to 15 and will include a flashlight tour of

the museum and a scavenger hunt at Arikok park, as well as a drama workshop with John Freddy Montoya.

The second cycle for students ages 10 to 13 will take place July 18 to July 22 and will include banner painting at UNOCA, gold scavenging at Arikok Park, and a hunting competition at the Archeological museum, recreating the island's former inhabitants, the Amer-Indian life-style.

The third cycle for student ages 6 to 9 will take place July 27 to Aug 1 and will include story telling at Unoca, a visit to expositions, and a presentation of traditional dances at the Historical Museum.

Those interested may contact 582 8879 and ask for Shardea Croes, or e-mail her at shardeacroes@yahoo.com

Beside Move your Body, and Movement within Landscape, the museum is planning an art exhibition titled Transformation in Landscape, an interesting show curated by Elvis Lopez, of Atelier 89. Lopez picked a number of promising young local artist to exhibit their contemporary work at the museum, work dedicated to nature, recycling, and organic



materials. The upcoming artists Priscilla Laclé, Johannes Donati, Angelina Henriquez and Wouter van Romondt, will each show 3 works.

The press conference at the Archeological Museum was conducted by Marguerita Wever who informed the press that last year more than 600 students participated in the museum's summer program and for 2011 students are invited to participate for as little as Awg 25 per activity cycle, which includes a daily snack.

Pictured here, the press conference at the Museum with Shardea Croes, Marguerita Wever, Priscilla Laclé and a group of youngsters who made a presentation of behalf of Move Your body.



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ExxonMobil expands Yellowstone pipeline cleanup

MONTANA, (AFP)- ExxonMobil said it was expanding its cleanup efforts following a pipeline spill of crude oil into the Yellowstone River in Montana and that the total amount released was between 750 and 1,000 barrels.

"We are bringing in experts from across the country to clean up the oil," ExxonMobil Pipeline Company president Gary Pruessing said in a statement.

No cause has been identified for the release of oil from the pipeline, the company said, adding that it "met all regulatory requirements and has undergone inspection

most recently in December." ExxonMobil also promised "a thorough investigation" of the leak.

Considered one of the most scenic Western US rivers, the Yellowstone River starts in northwestern Wyoming and flows northward through Yellowstone National Park, feeding Yellowstone Lake and creating famous Yellowstone Falls.

It is one of the principal tributaries of the upper Missouri River.

Although the spill lies downstream from Yellowstone National Park, the river is seen as a major tourist at-

traction along all of its length.

The National Wildlife Federation said the spill highlights the dangers of such pipelines and is an argument for opposing a major pipeline to bring in oil from the Canadian tar sands.

"Oil and gas disasters are tragically common," the federation's Miles Grant said.

"Now the oil industry wants to build a new pipeline cutting right through America's heartland. The Keystone XL pipeline wouldn't carry just any oil -- it would carry tar sands, one of the dirtiest fuels on the planet."

Antwerp diamond industry ties up with China

BRUSSELS, Belgium (AFP)- The Antwerp diamond industry, world capital of the gem, on Monday announced an investment deal with leading Chinese bank ICBC.

The Antwerp World Diamond Centre (AWDC) in a statement announced the deal with ICBC, which could act as an intermediary to provide finance for diamond transactions in Antwerp.

"It is the first time a Chinese bank entirely commits and decides to finance the diamond sector through Antwerp," said AWDC chief executive Ari Epstein.

"The diamond is a special investment product and has a distinct function that other investment products cannot replace," ICBC's Jiang Jianqing said.

"We firmly believe that the Belgian economy through the diamond industry will play a predominant role in ending the financial crisis," he added.

The AWDC is planning to organise from October 24 a 10-day roadshow in China to promote Antwerp to the country's top jewellers.

Around 80 percent of the trade in uncut diamonds and half of world trade in cut stones transits through the northern Belgian town, which is facing increasing competition, including from India.

ICBC -- Industrial and Commercial Bank of China -- is the world's largest bank by market value.

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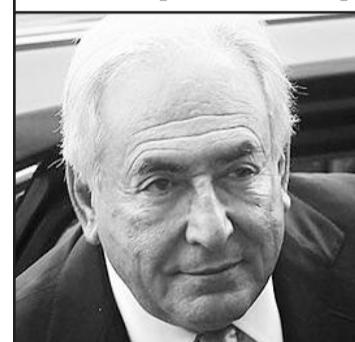
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Strauss-Kahn to sue French attempted rape accuser



PARIS, (AFP) - Former IMF chief Dominique Strauss-Kahn will sue for slander a French woman accusing him of attempted rape, his lawyers said in a statement Monday. Strauss-Kahn had taken note of journalist Tristane Banon's intention to lodge an attempted rape complaint against him, the lawyers said, dismissing the claims as "imaginary" and adding they were "in the process of compiling a libel complaint" against Banon. The ex-chief of the International Monetary Fund, "notes that the complaint (by Banon) ... comes at a time when the untruthful nature of the accusations he faces in the United States are no longer in any doubt," the statement said. As a result, Strauss-Kahn has directed lawyer Henri Leclerc and his associate Frederique Baulieu to draw up a complaint of slander against Banon, it added.

Italian court seeks 20-year terms in asbestos mega-trial

TURIN, Italy (AFP)-A court in Turin on Monday requested jail terms of 20 years against a Swiss billionaire and a Belgian baron in the biggest ever trial over asbestos-related deaths, judicial officials said.

Stephan Schmidheiny, the former Swiss owner of the Eternit construction firm, and Jean-Louis Marie Ghislain de Cartier de Marchienne, a top shareholder from Belgium, are being tried in absentia.

The trial is a mass civil action in which some 6,000 people are seeking damages over the deaths of around 3,000 people who worked at or lived near Eternit's plants in Italy.

The prosecution requested the maximum sentence of 12

years imprisonment and demanded eight more years be added on the grounds that asbestos can trigger ailments decades after exposure.

The prosecution's five-year inquiry determined that the two executives were effectively responsible for Eternit's Italian operations at the time of the contaminations in the 1970s, a claim rejected by the defence team.

The fibrous crystal mineral is primarily used as building insulation for its sound absorption and resistance to fire, heat and electrical damage but exposure to it can cause lung inflammation and cancer.

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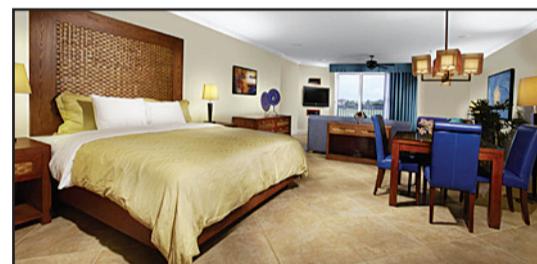
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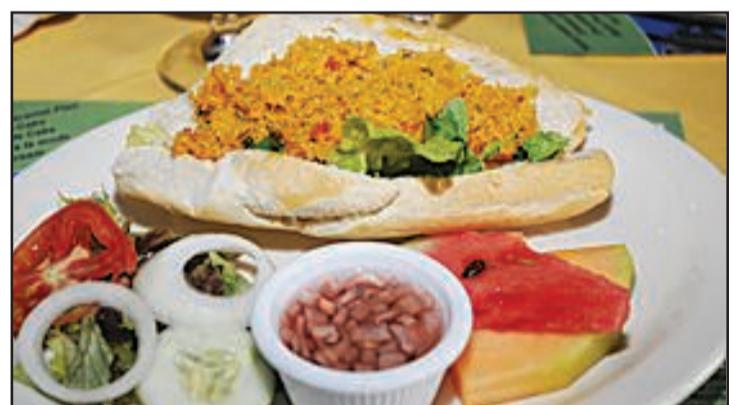
Linda and Ramon Pimienta with their son Raymond, at right

When Linda and Ramon Pimienta started their small business at the old wharf down town, little did they know that they had a goldmine when it comes to the perfect blend of international and local cuisine. Nowadays, they are located right behind the Royal Plaza Mall where they serve up a storm to visitors and locals alike. What is their secret? Offering high quality dishes at super prizes that fit anyone's budget.

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Pope opens Vatican art show



The Pope Benedict XVI (R) visiting the opening of the exhibition, titled "Splendour of the truth, beauty of the Truth" at the Vatican's Paul VI Audience Hall.

THE VATICAN (AFP)-Pope Benedict XVI on Monday reviewed work by 60 artists during the debut of a programme he spearheaded hoping to strengthen links between the cultural world and the Roman Catholic Church.

The exhibition, titled "Splendour of the truth, beauty of the Truth", featured mainly European artists, sculptures, architects and musicians who agreed to display their work at the Vatican's Paul VI Audience

Hall.

"I would like to renew to all artists a friendly and passionate appeal," the pope, a music lover, said.

"Never separate artistic creativity of the truth from charity ... but with the richness of your genius, your creative enthusiasm, always be, with courage, seekers of the truth and witnesses of charity," he added.

"Charity makes life a masterpiece and every man an

artist," the pope told the assembled artists, some of whom displayed work created specifically for the event, while others exhibited work done previously.

The 104-year-old Brazilian architect Oscar Niemeyer displayed his designs for the steeple of the main church in Brazilian town Belo Horizonte.

The Vatican has for a number of years been trying to woo the arts closer to Catholicism. The current pope invited 260 artists to the Sixtine Chapel in 2009.

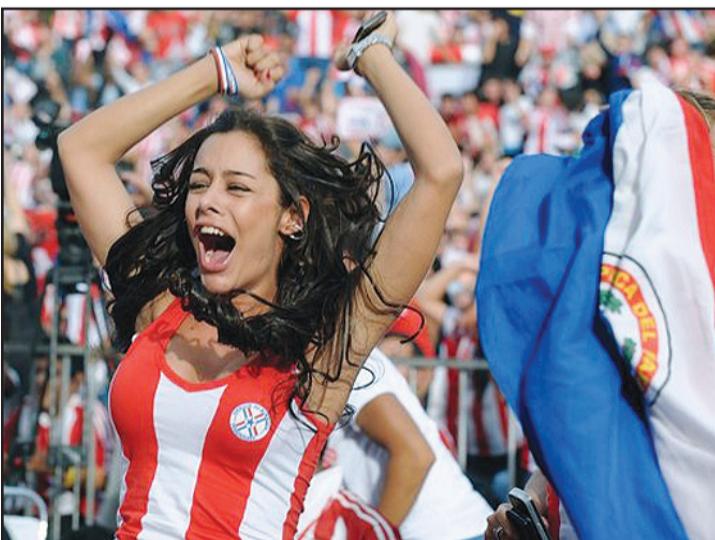
His predecessor John Paul II in 1999 said the Roman Catholic Church "needed art".

In 1964, Paul VI apologised for the Church's intolerance towards art.

Christianity inspired much of the art produced in the Middle Ages up to the 17th-century Baroque era, including the Renaissance period.

But wars and tragedies in the 20th century widened the gap between religious faith and artistic expression, which rebelled against the romanticism of the past.

Model vows nude stunt if Paraguay win Copa



Paraguay's model Larissa Riquelme, pictured in 2010

A SUNCION (AFP) - Paraguayan fans will be keener than ever for their team to land the Copa America after model Larissa Riquelme on Sunday promised to pose nude should they triumph. The Paraguayans are in Group B with favourites and holders Brazil as well as Ecuador, whom they were facing Sunday, and Venezuela.

And the busty Riquelme gave them extra motivation after making her promise, similar to one she also made

during the last World Cup, earning her the sobriquet la 'Novia del Mundial' (World Cup girlfriend) in her homeland.

"If Paraguay win the Copa America then I shall pose nude on the pitch," she told AFP, gesturing in the direction of the Brigadier General Estanislao Lopez stadium before the Ecuador game.

Argentina has been caught in a polar snap this week with temperatures plunging well below zero Celsius in the middle of the Southern Hemis-

sphere winter.

But Riquelme did her best to bring a warm glow to supporters of Paraguay and Ecuador fans demanding pictures and autographs from the model who eschewed even a coat as she pranced in a sleeveless top in Paraguayan red and white.

"I think we'll do well at the Copa," forecast Riquelme, who intends to follow all her country's matches on the spot.

Her fans will doubtless hope she is right.



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Harry Potter star Daniel Radcliffe has revealed he became addicted to alcohol as he came to terms with his fame. The actor said his drinking became an issue while working on the 2009 film Harry Potter and the Half-Blood Prince. He claims he has not touched alcohol since August 2010. Eight films on and the series is now the biggest film franchise of all time. Radcliffe is worth an estimated £48m and he and his co-stars Emma Watson and Rupert Grint are household names.

Rey Rasmijn, wins the Boolchand's Heritage Cup 2011 Series



Who says old dogs cannot learn new tricks? Rey Rasmijn, the Champion of the Heritage Cup 2011 series, is here to prove they can!

Rasmijn ranked 23rd on the list of 30 qualifiers, coming into the final round of the Heritage Cup 2011 Series, making him by far, the only Champion to win the Heritage Cup, having been ranked that low down the leader board during preliminary rounds. The leaders prior to the final event, Ricky Quant, Michael van der Hofstede, and Liam van Ramshorst, and many others in close reach of the cup all performed poorly on the most important day, Saturday, June 25th, as the Championship unfolded.

"The wrong Rasmijn won," banter Adam Wil-

liamson, Head Golf Professional at the PGA Championship Golf Course, "Son Orlando Rasmijn was ranked 4th, yet Papa Rey came soaring over 22 players and took the Cup! That's amateur golf at its best; you never know what is going to happen. I am so happy for Rey, he played well at the moment he had too, and was very fortunate that players ahead of him didn't make any move to win; it was an amazing victory." Williamson concludes.

Title sponsor Boolchand's Island Director Ravee Nandwani handed the top three finishers of the series, Rey Rasmijn, Michael v/d Hofstede and Liam V. Ramshorst a TW Steel watch each, for their performances, as well as a commemorative cup for the ten top finishers. The oldest

player in the field, at age of 77, Rey Rasmijn won the final event of the Heritage Cup with 36 stableford points and by scorecard playoff against 2nd place winner Ted Noble. Third place with 35 stableford points was Eric Gildhorn.

Carla Schipper came nearest to the pin on #3 and received a gift certificate courtesy of Ventanas del Mar Restaurant at Tierra del Sol, Rafael Gallardo was closest to the pin on #7 and received a gift certificate courtesy of Da Vinci Restaurant, Carsten Goetze landed nearest to the pin on #13 and receive a gift certificate courtesy of Amadeus Restaurant, Clifton Ling was closest to the pin on #12 and received a gift certificate courtesy of Body & Soul Spa, while Hubert Kock was closest to the pin on #17 and receive a gift certificate courtesy of Buster's Garage.

Williamson thanked the sponsors and the players for their participation, he was especially grateful to title sponsor Boolchand's Island Director Ravee Nandwani, for his company's support and the choice of TW Steel watches, the international lifestyle brand "Big in Over-size Watches."

Pictured here the award ceremony at the end of the fifth and final event.



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Sangakkara wants politics out of Sri Lankan cricket

LONDON (AFP) - Sri Lanka star Kumar Sangakkara has welcomed the International Cricket Council (ICC) directive requiring all national boards to be elected without political interference.

His call came just days after Sri Lanka's sports minister said he had forced the national cricket board committee to step down following allegations of financial mismanagement.

Sri Lanka co-hosted the 2011 World Cup and were left with a \$69 million bill, with media reports suggesting that mismanagement by Sri Lanka Cricket had been responsible for cost over-runs.

"We have to aspire to better administration," said Sangakkara in the text of his MCC Spirit of Cricket Cowdry Lecture delivered at Lord's on Monday.

"The administration needs

Ecuador's evergreen Elizaga makes his point

BUENOS AIRES (AFP) - They say you have to be a little crazy to be a goalkeeper - but Ecuador's veteran shotstopper Marcelo Elizaga drove Paraguay mad with his stellar showing in Sunday's goalless draw at Santa Fe.

Elizaga, a 39-year-old from the Argentine city of Moron, is a latecomer to the international stage having only made his debut for his adopted country at the 2007 Copa.

But Sunday saw him leaping about like a man a decade younger as he denied Edgar Barreto, Nestor Ortigoza and Roque Santa Cruz, whose

header shortly after the interval had goal written all over it until Elizaga flung himself to turn the effort away.

His saves had reporters comparing him with some of the all-time greats, not least Poland's 1970s star Jan Tomaszewski - whom former Derby and Nottingham Forest manager Brian Clough once famously called a "clown" - only to see the keeper deny England a place in the World Cup finals.

Elizaga, who plays for Deportivo Quito, is nicknamed "El Polaco" - the Pole.

Others know him as El Muro - The Wall.

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Tevez says he must quit Man City -- report

LONDON (AFP) - Argentina striker Carlos Tevez has confirmed Manchester City's worst fears by saying he must leave the club to spend more time with his children, according to an interview with Britain's Daily Mail.

City captain Tevez led the north-west side to FA Cup glory and qualification for the Champions League last season but all the while did so while living apart from his young daughters.

He is currently playing for Argentina in the Copa America but, in a statement published on the Mail's website on Monday, Tevez said: "It is with great regret that I have to inform Manchester City of my wish to leave the club.

"I would like to state that I have great respect for the club, its supporters and the owner, Sheikh Mansoor, who has been nothing other than respectful to me."

"Living without my children in Manchester has been incredibly challenging for me. Everything I do, I do for my daughters, Katie and Florencia. I need to be closer to them and to spend more time with them."

Tevez's daughters currently live with their mother, Tevez's estranged partner Vanesa, in Buenos Aires.

"I need them to be happy because my life is about them now. I need to be in a place where they can adapt."

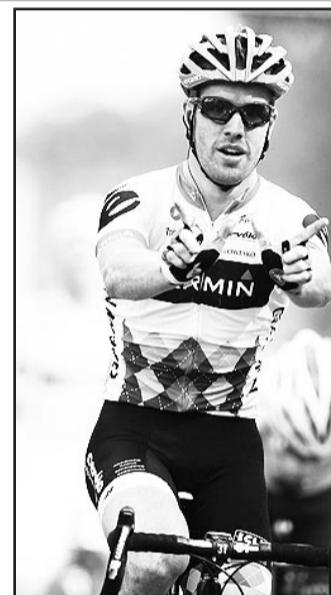
Farrar breaks Tour de France duck as Garmin win again

REDON (AFP) - American Tyler Farrar of Garmin-Cervelo upstaged the hopes of British sprint rival Mark Cavendish on his way to a maiden Tour de France victory on the third stage Monday.

World champion Thor Hushovd of Norway kept possession of the race leader's yellow jersey as Garmin celebrated their second win on the trot, having won the 23km team time trial at Les Essarts on Sunday.

Cavendish, who has won a record 15 stages in the past three years, had a powerful lead-in to the finale by his dominant HTC-Highroad team.

However the Isle of Man rider found the going tough after a final bend forced many riders to slow down and lose momentum. Despite a late burst, he could only finish fifth.



Tyler Farrar of the USA celebrates winning stage three

Team Sky rider Geraint Thomas rounded the bend on his own, but with no teammates to follow up he was soon swamped by Garmin as Hushovd and New Zealander

Julian Dean dragged Farrar towards the finish.

Vacansoleil's Feillu and Movistar rider Rojas launched late charges, but Farrar came over the finish half a bike length clear.

"It's fantastic, I've been working to get this for a long time," said Farrar.

"It's the first mass sprint of the Tour, and it's always a bit chaotic. But the team almost made it easy for me."

"We showed yesterday how strong our team is, winning the team time trial. It was a relief, and took the pressure off the shoulders."

"It just keeps on getting better now."

Although his win came on America's Independence Day, Farrar -- who made a 'W' gesture shortly after crossing the line -- immediately dedicated the victory to stricken friend Wouter Weylandt of Belgium.

MLB Standings

American League

East	W	L	Pct	GB
NY YANKEES	50	32	.610	--
BOSTON	49	34	.590	1.5
TAMPA	47	37	.560	4.0
TORONTO	41	44	.482	10.5
BALTIMORE	36	45	.444	13.5

Central

CLEVELAND	44	38	.537	--
DETROIT	45	40	.529	0.5
CHICAGO	42	43	.494	3.5
MINNESOTA	36	46	.439	8.0
KANSAS	34	50	.405	11

West

LA ANGELES	44	41	.518	--
TEXAS	44	41	.518	--
SEATTLE	41	43	.488	2.5
OAKLAND	38	47	.447	6.0

National League

East	W	L	Pct	GB
PHILADELPHIA	53	32	.624	--
ATLANTA	49	36	.576	4.0
NY METS	42	42	.500	10.5
WASHINGTON	42	43	.494	11
FLORIDA	38	46	.452	14.5

Central

ST. LOUIS	45	40	.529	--
MILWAUKEE	45	40	.529	--
PITTSBURG	43	41	.512	1.5
CINCINNATI	43	42	.506	2.0
CHICAGO	35	50	.412	10.0
HOUSTON	29	56	.341	16.0

West

SAN FRANCISCO	48	37	.565	--
ARIZONA	45	40	.529	3.0
COLORADO	41	43	.488	6.5
SAN DIEGO	38	47	.447	10.0
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Media slam 'ridiculous' Brazil, Chavez salutes Venezuelans



RIO DE JANEIRO (AFP) - National media laid into five-time world champions Brazil on Monday after the auriverde made a hash of their first Copa America pool match, drawing 0-0 with rank outsiders Venezuela.

Although Brazil, on a hat-trick of wins in the continental tournament, would have to make a similar mess of upcoming games against Paraguay and Ecuador to miss out on a quarter-final place, their poor showing enraged the press.

Worse still, it did not escape the country's scribes that Brazil's women have been performing rather better at the women's World Cup in Germany, where the Samba Girls have already reached the last eight with something to spare.

"The men's team turned in a ridiculous performance against the Venezuelans and the players left the pitch shame-faced after the 0-0 draw," stormed O Globo daily in a leader article.

"Neymar, Ganso, Pato, Robinho - they all played

badly," the paper moaned.

"At least we have Marta," O Globo added, in a reference to the women's star striker who has been on the rampage at their event in Germany.

The paper added in an aside that the Brazilian game appeared to be going to the dogs - an ironic reference to a canine pitch invasion during the match.

The dog ran at one point to the Venezuelan six yard box - about the closest anyone got to the minnows' goal all afternoon - before trudging off.

O Estado de Sao Paulo said the team lacked a cutting edge.

"They lacked attacking oomph. The revamping of Brazil disappointed," the paper commented in allusion to a hoped-for new dawn under Menezes..

Lance sports daily, noting that Venezuela are nicknamed the Vinotinto - red wine in Spanish, owing to their burgundy kit - said: "Brazil tasted a bitter red and disappointed."

Conversely, the Venezuelan press were elated at their team's showing.

"A golden point," chorused El Nacional and El Universal, while Ultimas Noticias was fulsome in its praise.

"The Vinotinto really gave us something to enjoy," the paper said.

President Hugo Chavez, making a surprise return home after surgery in Cuba to remove a cancerous tumour, also got in on the act via the new media, using his Twitter account to praise the players.

"What a tremendous showing by the Vinotinto! How proud we are of you boys! My best wishes to our coach Cesar Farias and to all of you," Chavez tweeted.

GROUP - A	Pts
COLOMBIA	3
ARGENTINA	1
BOLIVIA	1
COSTA RICA	0
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Argentina vs. Colombia	
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July 3 results	
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Djokovic is ATP's world number one

PARIS (AFP) - Wimbledon champion Novak Djokovic is the new world number one.

Not since Andy Roddick in the week of January 26, 2004 has anyone other than Nadal or Federer been ranked number one.

At 24 years Djokovic is the 25th player since the

rankings began in 1973 to hold the number one position and the first Serb to do so.

World top 10 (as of July 4, 2011)

- Novak Djokovic (SRB) 13285
- Rafael Nadal (ESP) 11270
- Roger Federer (SUI) 9230

4. Andy Murray (GBR) 6855
5. Robin Soderling (SWE) 4325

- David Ferrer (ESP) 4150
- Gael Monfils (FRA) 2780
- Mardy Fish (USA) 2335
- Tomas Berdych (CZE) 2470
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